

## Grant Recipients, FY22, fall cycle – Rhode Island State Council on the Arts

Recipient	Title	Grant Amount	Summary	Town/City	Grant Program	Grant Cycle
2nd Act Org, Inc.	2nd Act Drama Therapy Workshop	\$5,000	Drama Therapy Workshop is a monthly therapeutic experience for Peer Recovery Specialists; those who work on the frontline of the overdose epidemic to aid those struggling with Substance Use Disorders. This project brings together a trauma informed therapeutic intervention to prevent relapse, compassion fatigue and support the mental health of peers	Providence	Project Grants in Healthcare	FY22 c2
Alicia Renadette	Three-Dimensional Art	\$1,000	Fellowship in Three-Dimensional Art FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Three-Dimensional Art	FY22 c2
Art Connection-RI	Engaging Art Experiences for Underserved Youths	\$2,100	Art Connection-RI (AC-RI) Workshops connect underprivileged children to local artists, role models, & original artworks. Students are empowered to think independently & develop decision-making skills while creating, observing & critiquing art. AC-RI workshops foster student's creative & intellectual development, working independently & as a team.	Pawtucket	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Autism Project,	In- Harmony Social Skills Group	\$3,000	The Autism Project co-facilitates with the RI Philharmonic Music School to provide In Harmony Social Skills Group. In this group, music is used as a medium to help improve communication, emotional awareness, self-regulation and social interactions. A variety of different instruments and musical genres are explored.	Johnston	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Balliamo Dance Collective	In Memorium of 2020	\$2,000	Balliamo requests \$3,000 to present a modern dance performance at the WaterFire Arts Center focused on Jewish mourning traditions. Artists include 5	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2

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			company dancers, 2 guest choreographers a violinist and a poet. The show will then be performed in smaller communities throughout Rhode Island. The requested \$3,000 will directly support the artists.			
Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick	Mentoring Through Music	\$2,100	BGCW's music program gives middle school youth access to affordable and accessible musical opportunities unavailable anywhere else locally. Through mentoring, discovery, and instruction, youth opt to participate in consequential activities that build an array of musical skills and unleash creativity while developing self-confidence and self-esteem.	Warwick	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Bristol Art Museum	Vanishing, Rising and Burning	\$3,000	In spring 2022, Bristol Art Museum will curate 2 coinciding art exhibits—guest artists' work in the Museum and artwork by Mount Hope High School students in the Rogers Free Library. The artwork confronts climate change and environmental justice. A series of public events will address specific themes such as rising sea levels and plastic waste.	Bristol	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Bronte Stahl	Fellowship in Film and Video	\$5,000	Fellowship in Film & Video FY22	Westerly	Fellowship in Film & Video	FY22 c2
Butler Hospital	Re-Emerge and Renew: Artist Residencies for Staff Wellness	\$4,000	"Re-Emerge and Renew: Artist Residencies for Staff Wellness" at Butler Hospital will build upon and be considered a Phase Two of the RISCA-supported "Re-Emerge, Renew, and Rise-Up," artist residencies primarily focused on the inpatient artistic experience and staff training in the integration of artistic modalities into group facilitation.	Providence	Project Grants in Healthcare	FY22 c2

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Cape Verdean American Community Development	Islands in the City Art Class	\$3,000	Cape Verdean American Community Development (CACD) will sponsor a painting class (Vibranti y Viva/Vibrant and Alive) and sculpture class (Cape Verdean Expressions in Form) especially targeting low-income teens in spring 2022. Each class, taught by a working Cape Verdean artist, will meet twice weekly for eight weeks in CACD's building in Pawtucket.	Pawtucket	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Chamber Orchestra of Barrington at St. John's	Chamber Concerts as Community Outreach	\$1,500	The Chamber Orchestra of Barrington at St. John's is comprised of committed professional and amateur musicians from throughout New England, and this grant will support free chamber concerts performed in the community between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022 with Community String Project and the Mount Hope Farmers Market in Bristol, RI.	Barrington	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Choral Collective of Newport County	NCYC Middle School Ensemble in Newport	\$2,000	The Choral Collective of Newport County is seeking support to build and grow the Newport County Youth Chorus Middle School Ensemble (grades 5-8) by adding a new section for Newport students. Monies received from RISCA will support teaching artist fees including a conductor, accompanist, invited culture bearers and high school or college assistants.	Newport	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Connecting for Children and Families	Art, Equity & Youth Mental Health Afterschool Program at Woonsocket Middle Schools	\$2,900	From January-June 2022, we will offer the afterschool program "Art, Equity and Youth Mental Health," to be taught by RISCA Roster artists and other artists/instructors, using art as a catalyst to engage middle schoolers in equity and youth mental health discussions. Programming will align with school-day learning	Woonsocket	Project Grants in Education	FY22 c2

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			in Art, ELA and Social Studies.			
DownCity Design	DownCity Design / Connecting Community	\$8,946	Connecting Community will engage 45+ Providence teens in rich STEAM-based arts learning experiences as they design and build interventions that activate the urban civic spaces in which we connect, create, and celebrate. Our young designers will harness the creative power of design to bring joy to resource-stressed communities across the city.	Providence	Project Grants in Education	FY22 c2
Eiman Rezaei	Fellowship in Crafts	\$5,000	Fellowship in Crafts FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Crafts	FY22 c2
Elizabeth Keiser	A Play in a Day (in the U.S.A.)	\$1,600	A Play in a Day is the culmination of decades of work in arts education. Participants will learn, rehearse, and perform a play in 2 hours on each different sequential visit. New vocabulary will be inserted in each play, and by the final showcase, the participants will be writing and facilitating the event. Participants will be invited to share their works in other libraries to promote the concept.	Providence	Project Grants in Education for Individuals	FY22 c2
Empowerment Factory	Free Art Programs for Kids	\$3,000	The Empowerment Factory will partner with RISCA teaching artists to offer its "Art in the Park" and "Nature Drawing" after school art programs to RI elementary youth. These virtual and in-person/outdoor programs were designed around COVID-19 CDC guidelines last year. Creativity Kits with art supplies and bilingual workbooks are included.	Pawtucket	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Frances Cowhig	Fellowship in Playwriting/ Screenwriting	\$1,000	Fellowship in Play & Screenwriting FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Play & Screenwriting	FY22 c2
Friends of Linden Place	Linden Place Creative Writing Residency	\$1,000	Linden Place will create an annual residency program to support 10 creative writers from	Bristol	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2

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			Rhode Island. Writers will interpret an aspect of Linden Place's history in their works and will have access to the buildings, grounds, and archives during writing sessions. The residency will conclude with a public reading and discussion of works in progress.			
Friends of the Rhody Center, Inc.	Steel Drum Ensembles	\$2,000	The Rhody Center will provide another six months of its Steel Drum Ensembles. The youth ensemble is offered free of charge.	Coventry	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Harrison Grigsby	Hip Hop Scholars Program at Charette Charter School	\$3,000	Hip Hop Scholars is a 12 week program in which students will analyze Hip Hop compositions and content to explore and improve their social and emotional behavior. Students will reflect and process ideas to validate their lived experiences.	Providence	Project Grants in Education for Individuals	FY22 c2
Hasbro Children's Hospital, pediatric division (RI Hospital)	Music on Rounds for Pediatric Patients	\$9,000	With the help of our community partner musician Michael Bresler, The Healing Arts program at Hasbro Children's Hospital will provide much-needed therapeutic music interventions for pediatric behavioral health patients.	Providence	Project Grants in Healthcare	FY22 c2
Howard W. Hathaway Elementary School	Cultural Engagement through Irish Dancing	\$4,840	Hathaway Elementary School plans to host Artist-in Residence Irish Dancer Kevin Doyle to work with our Kindergarten through Grade 4. The Physical Education and Music classes promote cross-curricular learning through movement, music, culture, collaboration, and expression in this yearly unit culminating with a professional from the community.	Portsmouth	Project Grants in Education	FY22 c2
Jason Roseman	Teaching Isaiah Trinidad Steel Drumming	\$3,000	Teaching my son Isaiah how to play, care for, also the history and development of the Trinidad Steel Pan dDum.	Pawtucket	Folk Arts Apprenticeship	FY22 c2

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			Isaiah and I would meet weekly at my workshop in Pawtucket where Isaiah would learn to play the Single Tenor Pan, the lead voice of the Steelband. Our lessons would be between sixty and one hundred and twenty minutes, (1- 2 hours) Isaiah would first learn the layout of the Single Tenor			
Jazzmen Lee-Johnson	Fellowship in Drawing & Printmaking	\$1,000	Drawing & Printmaking FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Drawing & Printmaking	FY22 c2
JDP Theatre Co	Arts Education Initiative: Step It Up Saturdays Series	\$2,000	JDP Theatre Co is piloting a community outreach program with the goal of providing accessible and affordable performing arts educational programming to the community. The organization will be hosting monthly workshops in both theatre arts and dance, which will address a variety of topics and will be open to all experience and ability levels.	East Providence	Project Grants in Education	FY22 c2
JDP Theatre Company	Junior Stage Production of "Seussical Jr."	\$2,000	JDP Theatre Co. (JDP) plans to produce a musical theatre production of "Seussical Jr." in January 2022 with actors between the ages of 7-15. This show is a part of JDP's "Junior Stage" programming. Funds requested will only be used on program activities after 1/1/22.	East Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Joey DeFrancesco	Fellowship in New Genres	\$5,000	Fellowship in New Genres FY22	Providence	Fellowship in New Genres	FY22 c2
Leslie Hirst	Fellowship in Drawing & Printmaking	\$5,000	Drawing & Printmaking FY22	Pawtucket	Fellowship in Drawing & Printmaking	FY22 c2
Little Compton Community Center	"Our Town": a portrait exhibit	\$1,500	Our Town is a powerful portrait exhibit of Little Compton residents painted over a 1 year period. It documents the faces of those who define the town and thus tell its story. The project goes beyond the 'summer reputation' to portray	Little Compton	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2

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			those who make up the diverse fabric of town life: farmers, veterans, students, mechanics, clerks, nurses, and more.			
M. Benjamin Herndon	Fellowship in Painting	\$1,000	Fellowship in Painting FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Painting	FY22 c2
Madelaine Dennis	Fellowship in Film and Video	\$1,000	Fellowship in Film & Video FY22	Warren	Fellowship in Film & Video	FY22 c2
Madison Jones	Fellowship in Poetry	\$5,000	Fellowship in Poetry FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Poetry	FY22 c2
Marina Ekelova	Russian Nesting Doll (Matryoshka) Painting	\$3,000	This apprenticeship focuses on teaching the design and traditional painting techniques of the Matryoshka (Nesting Doll) and tells the story and culture behind this beautiful Russian artwork. Apprentices will learn the history of the Matryoshka, about her dress and customs, and how to paint, design, and polish professional pieces using traditional Russian techniques.	East Greenwich	Folk Arts Apprenticeship	FY22 c2
Mark Binder	Fellowship in Folk Arts	\$1,000	Folk Arts Fellowship FY22	Providence	Folk Arts Fellowship	FY22 c2
Matthew Garza	Fellowship in New Genres	\$1,000	Fellowship in New Genres FY22	Providence	Fellowship in New Genres	FY22 c2
McAuley Ministries	Arts at McAuley House	\$2,000	Arts at McAuley House is an enrichment program offered by South Providence resident and Expressive Arts Therapist Kathy King to guests of McAuley House – a meal site, food pantry, and source for basic needs assistance in Providence. An enrichment offering, it provides both arts instruction and an opportunity for artists to exhibit their work.	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Megan Callahan	Fellowship in Crafts	\$1,000	Fellowship in Crafts FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Crafts	FY22 c2
Michael Stewart	Fellowship in Fiction	\$5,000	Fellowship in Fiction and Poetry FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Fiction	FY22 c2
Nafis White	Three-Dimensional Art	\$5,000	Fellowship in Three-Dimensional Art FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Three-Dimensional Art	FY22 c2
Nancy Brown-Garcia	Traditional Regalia Making with deerskin	\$3,000	The project will be executed from start to finish in traditional methods of sculpting	Warwick	Folk Arts Apprenticeship	FY22 c2

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			leather into wearable deerskin traditional clothing. The student will participate in the entire process. Designing, Cutting, and sewing the leather. Then beadwork will be added at the level the student can procure.			
Newport String Project	Newport String Quartet Community Residency	\$2,000	The Newport String Project (NSP) will provide free lessons in violin, viola, and cello to 40 students at the MLK Center, the Florence Gray Center and at the East Bay MET School. The Newport String Quartet partners with local community service organizations, traditional and non-traditional venues to ensure access to live performances for all.	Newport	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Nikki Gyftopoulos	Fellowship in Choreography	\$5,000	Fellowship in Choreography FY22	Cranston	Fellowship in Choreography	FY22 c2
Oasis International	ARTS EXPANSION THROUGH OUR HEARTS AND SOUL	\$2,000	OI has a varied history of sponsoring artistic programs for the youth community annually during spring break to divert them from violence. This program will engage youth to experience soulful ways to express themselves through mediums of art to include storytelling, painting murals, working with metal, and drums, final pieces will be displayed.	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Ocean State Pops Orchestra	Popular symphonic summer music	\$2,100	The project will involve 3-4 orchestra performances during the 2022 summer season, 1-2 of which in June. Rehearsals will start in April. Concert venues will be finalized in early 2022.	Cranston	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Odette England	Fellowship in Photography	\$5,000	Fellowship in Photography FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Photography	FY22 c2
PC Galleries at Providence College	Contemporary Art Connections: Masterclass Led by Sheida Soleimani	\$2,000	For PCG's Contemporary Art Connections series, local artist Sheida Soleimani will teach a masterclass on building props and sets for still-life photography. While	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2

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			open to ages 12 and up, the masterclass is designed for teens. All equipment and supplies are provided, and participants take home a large print of a photograph they create in the class.			
Providence Ballet Theatre	Spring 2022 Repertory Performance	\$1,925	Providence Ballet Theatre will present a Spring 2022 Repertory Performance at an outdoor venue. The project will present select pieces that have been performed over the last 10 years showcasing the best of PBT repertory along with the opportunity for Providence Public Schools to attend free of charge.	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Providence Children's Museum	The Root of Creativity	\$3,000	Providence Children's Museum (PCM) seeks support to provide public programming featuring artists Murray and Meagan McMillin to support their immersive exhibit and give participating children insight into their creative process.	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Providence Community Library	From Paper to Puppets	\$2,500	Artist Cathren Housley will hold ten virtual programs through Smith Hill Library. Programs will focus on making puppets and a stage, as well as connecting the power of art and storytelling. Grab and Go bags will be provided weekly with all the materials youth need to complete the project.	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
ReFocus	Mixed Media Art Program for Adults with Disabilities	\$1,500	ReFocus requests \$3,000 to support art classes and excursions for adults with disabilities in the Providence metro area. The Mixed Media Art Program will guide adults with disabilities through various sensory projects and artistic experiences, with an emphasis on encouraging individual	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2

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			creativity.			
Rhode Island Alliance for Arts in Education	PS2022 And The Rhode Island 2022 Gift Of Art	\$2,000	The Rhode Island Alliance for Arts in Education in partnership with URI exhibit statewide student art (PS2022) & 1 school district's "Gift of Art" at the URI Prov. Campus. A recognition ceremony for the general public. After this public exhibit The Gift of Art framed works are hung at RIDE for the remaining year for all who visit to enjoy.	Warwick	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
RI Women's Choreography Project	Rhode Island Women's Choreography Project	\$1,000	The Rhode Island Women's Choreography Project (RIWCP) produces an annual public dance performance as a platform for 8 female-identifying choreographers to present new work. RIWCP provides rehearsal space for a 3 week residency and dancers for the choreographers. Most choreographers and dancers are local to the RI community.	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
RISE on Broadway	A Grimm Mystery	\$1,500	RISE will present its annual "RISE Jr." children's theater project in February of 2022. For this season's production, RISE will premiere an original work, A GRIMM MYSTERY by local playwright and director Shannon McMillan, with an all-youth cast.	Woonsocket	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Robert Isenberg	Fellowship in Playwriting/Screenwriting	\$5,000	Fellowship in Play & Screenwriting FY22	Cranston	Fellowship in Play & Screenwriting	FY22 c2
San Miguel School of Providence	Middle School Drumming Program	\$6,000	San Miguel School will provide students with access to drumming instruction. Every Friday, each grade will meet with award-winning drummer, Sidy Maïga, to not only learn the fundamentals of drumming but to discover how music is "the great communicator." For instance, in Africa, the	Providence	Project Grants in Education	FY22 c2

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			drum is more than a rhythm instrument, it's a storyteller.			
School One	Write Rhode Island	\$6,000	Write Rhode Island is created in partnership by School One and Goat Hill. Our mission is to foster and encourage writing and learn the fundamentals of storytelling through free creative writing programs, publication and contests for RI students in grades 7-12.	Providence	Project Grants in Education	FY22 c2
Shea High School	Recycled Runway	\$3,000	Shea Fashion will focus on using upcycled clothing to create garments for the 2022 spring fashion show. Students will use their creativity to alter gently used clothing to make a fashion statement with a smaller carbon footprint. As a part of the theme, we would like to include bucket drumming as an example of reusing materials in a creative way.	Pawtucket	Project Grants in Education	FY22 c2
Sidy Maiga	Fellowship in Folk Arts	\$5,000	Folk Arts Fellowship FY22	Pawtucket	Folk Arts Fellowship	FY22 c2
Spectrum Theatre Ensemble	Light Switch World Premier	\$3,000	In Spring 2022, Spectrum Theatre Ensemble will present the world premiere and tour of Dave Osmundsen's play Light Switch throughout the Rhode Island area.	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Stages of Freedom	Museums for All	\$3,000	"Museums for All" is designed to empower RI Black teens by allowing them to discover and explore the BIPOC artistic output contained in Providence museums, and for these cultural institutions to consciously open their doors wider, so that participants feel welcome to enter and experience the wealth of African American art and artists held within.	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Tenderloin Opera Company	Tenderloin Opera Company Season 12!	\$1,500	Tenderloin Opera Company is a homeless advocacy music and theater group based in	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2

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			Providence, RI whose members include currently and formerly homeless people and homeless advocates. Through weekly meetings and monthly performances, TOC will develop an "Opera" featuring the stories of local homelessness, created and performed by its members.			
Theresa Ganz	Fellowship in Photography	\$1,000	Fellowship in Photography FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Photography	FY22 c2
Timothy Lai	Fellowship in Painting	\$5,000	Fellowship in Painting FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Painting	FY22 c2
Tina Egnoski	Fellowship in Fiction	\$1,000	Fellowship in Fiction FY22	Barrington	Fellowship in Fiction	FY22 c2
Titilola Martins	Nigerian Tie Dye Textiles	\$3,000	Titilola Martins is a Nigerian Folk artist based in Providence, Rhode Island; throughout her life she has been exposed to various types of art practices. The focus of this project is preparing textiles with Adire Tie Dye, a handmade Nigerian textile process made from the Yoruba tribe using natural cassava paste. Through this, Titilola wants to pass down a family tradition to her son.	Providence	Folk Arts Apprenticeship	FY22 c2
TRYCAPS CREATIVE ART PROGRAM	Arts And Healing In Action	\$1,500	A Mental Health Educator, An Artist, and youth of the TRY CAPS plan to engage senior citizens of Saint Martin De Porres in art therapy exercises to cope with stress and anxiety caused by the Covid Pandemic. The group will host Seven (2) hour workshops using helpful strategies. The group will create art pieces which they can reflect on over time.	Providence	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2
Violeta Cruz Del Valle	Fellowship in MusicComposition	\$1,000	Fellowship in Music Composition FY22	Johnston	Fellowship in Music Composition	FY22 c2
Warwick Center for the Arts	Meaningful Art Exploration for Adults with Disabilities	\$2,000	WCFA will provide art programs for individuals with disabilities from local service agency,	Warwick	Arts Access Grant	FY22 c2

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			Spurwink, RI and develop a curriculum that can be used in future outreach to other underserved communities of disabled adults. Artists will provide instruction using diverse media and arts practices to engage clients in artistic exploration.			
William Mason	Fellowship in Music Compositio	\$5,000	Fellowship in Music Composition FY22	Tiverton	Fellowship in Music Composition	FY22 c2
Yury Yanowsky	Fellowship in Choreography	\$1,000	Fellowship in Choreography FY22	Providence	Fellowship in Choreography	FY22 c2